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Rev. E. Goodman
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Dear Brother Phelps

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Yours of the 21st forwarded to this place, I received yesterday. If I have an application from Hopkinton, shall probably be able to go there without much delay, as I am engaged here for no definite time. Have spent one Sabbath here, & shall probably stay two Sabbaths more, if not called somewhere else. It is a small society here, (though perhaps a full average of Fitchburg County societies,) made up considerably of business men, manufacturers, - prevailing religious & moral sentiment, new school, anti-slavery, exclusive temperance, &c - have an A.S. Society of more than sixty members.

With respect to the proposed loan, I have to say that I have but little more cash on hand than is needed for present use: - my house rent becoming due in a day or two, the 4th of May. Could I receive without much delay what is now due me from my people, I could accommodate you without inconvenience, & would do it with a great deal of pleasure. If half the sum \$100. would be any accommodation to you, there is some prospect that I may collect that amount in two or three weeks. All I can at present do, however, is to promise you the whole or a part, if I can do it without embarrassing myself; wishing you at the same time not to rely upon me so much as to suffer disappointment in case of failure. My loose funds - which are small - are in stocks, & not in personal obligations, & in such a state at present as not to furnish much surplus cash. It is an occasion of gratitude however that with rigid economy I have kept clear of embarrassments, & have had something to spare for the poor slave, as well as other benevolent objects.

Yours in the best of bonds Ophra Goodman